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ASSESSMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

Freshmen flood Southern classes, campus

By NICK PARKER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Continuing a five-year trend, Missouri Southern has seen a 1.1 percent increase in fall enrollment this year.

Southern has reported a fall 1998 enrollment of 5,547, up from 5,485 last year. The College's enrollment peaked in 1990 with 6,012 full-time students. Enrollment steadily dropped until 1994, before beginning the current trend. Since 1993, College enrollment has hovered near 5,500 students.

College President Julio Leon said while the overall increase is good, the most impressive statistic was the 955 first-time freshmen enrolled.

"These are essentially the students coming right out of high school with no college experience," he said. "The number is significant because we have to replace those 800 who graduated last May. This is a very nice increase."

Leon credited the outreach of Southern's international mission, increased recruiting efforts, and the College's inexpensive tuition.

"People realize you can attend this college and get a quality education, learn from super faculty, and use great facilities," he said. "We will probably continue to see these kinds of increases over the next few years, especially as we continue to make people aware of the international mission and the opportunities that are available to students."

Southern is also showing a significant increase in the number of out-of-state students enrolled. The College claims 602 out-of-state students, up from 484 a year ago. Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research, and Leon attributed recruiting efforts for this increase.

"I think the idea and message of a great bargain at this college has been effective," Honey said. "I think the higher academic requirements are being noticed by high school counselors. I think their students see the quality of education at the low price as well as the advantages of the international mission."

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This year's tally



LIFELONG LEARNING

New vice president settles into position

Job focuses on specific student groups

By RHONDA CLARK
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The new vice president for lifelong learning is up and running as he works to gather information to do the same with online courses at Missouri Southern.

Though hoping to ease into his new position the first year, Dr. Jack Spurlin said things are moving quickly since his appointment five weeks ago. A major goal is to offer a complete associate of arts degree using distance learning via the Internet and TV.

"For us to not take this bold step forward, we would be missing out on this market," Spurlin said.

A strategic initiatives committee, set up in 1996, developed the position with a task force consisting of faculty, administrators, and

regents. The group identified changing trends in the delivery of education. Lifelong learning focuses on a unique group of students.

"We are talking about a group of people who are time bound and place bound, and for them to go to school is a tough if not impossible task, and we think that is a market we can reach and do a lot of things to help that group of students," Spurlin said.

Because of today's static economy, College President Julio Leon believes employees will be studying, training, and learning continually to remain competitive in the work force. Spurlin joins with Leon in this sentiment, and also anticipates expanding the continuing education programs into not only criminal justice fields but also med-

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CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

College looks to future

By NICK PARKER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As Missouri Southern heads toward the new millennium, College administrators are beginning to look toward the needs of tomorrow's students.

Growing demand for students graduating from health-related programs has prompted the College to set its sights on a new building to house the health science programs.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said the College has come up with a two-year plan for the new building. Southern's capital requests to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education include monies for both planning and construction. The request for the coming fiscal year includes \$294,000 for planning; the 2001 request includes \$11.76 million for construction of the health sciences building.

If the CBHE and legislature approve the requests, bidding for an

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“It really has been a wonderful experience...I wouldn't trade it for the world.”

Missouri Southern's Baby Boomers

Mothers-to-be juggle school, family planning

By GINNY DUMOND
MANAGING EDITOR

As the days are getting cooler and mid-semester is approaching, some Missouri Southern students are due for a big change. Along with studying for mid-terms this year, three Southern women will be holding new babies.

Tori Vicsik, senior music major, says she found out she was pregnant right after spending the day with a friend who had just become pregnant.

Student LifeBeat



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"I remember thinking, 'I'm just glad that's not me right now,'" she said with a laugh.

Vicsik, who is expecting a girl Oct. 15, says despite the inconvenience of the timing, she is having a good pregnancy.

"Because I'm a senior, a lot of the classes I have are hands-on things I can do at home just as easily as at school," she said.

Vicsik's baby, Ali Margaret, already has made two big announcements on holidays.

"I found out I was pregnant on Valentine's Day, and we found out she was a girl on my mother's birthday," Vicsik said. "My birthday is Oct. 18, so we're thinking she may wait until then."

Donna Bourassa, senior general business major, is graduating in December and is expecting a girl Tuesday.

"This is my last semester, and I really debated coming back," she said. "Most of my professors have been really understanding, and I lucked out this semester actually with having Tuesday



Dusty and Jeremiah Eck are just one of several couples on campus expecting an addition to the family.

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Tori Vicsik, one of Southern's mothers-to-be, teaches a College Orientation course in Matthews Hall auditorium.

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Administrators finalize preparations for winter commencement ceremony

By AARON DESLATTÉ
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The recognition from peers. The celebration with family and friends. The funny hats that have to be returned. Traditionally, December graduates at Missouri Southern have had to return in May to participate in commencement ceremonies and enjoy the general hoopla associated with graduating.

Some have missed the experience altogether.

College administrators are hoping to keep that from happening this year. Southern is planning a winter commencement ceremony for students completing degree requirements in December 1998. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19 in Taylor Auditorium. A live feed of the ceremony will be played in Webster Auditorium.

A reception following the ceremony will be

held in the Billingsly Student Center.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said he expects each graduate to have about 100 tickets for friends and family.

"We usually have between 150 and 200 graduates in the winter," Bitterbaum said. "The auditorium seats about 2,000. So that sounds right."

Bitterbaum said administrators have been exploring the idea of a December commencement for some time, and students have

expressed support for the idea.

"The graduates have requested it, so this is a good time to begin the tradition," he said.

Bitterbaum said the number of December graduates has been steadily increasing, adding steam to the need for a winter commencement.

Jesse DeGonia, president of the Student Senate, said the Senate's efforts to communicate the need for a December graduation played a part in the decision.

"Since I started attending Southern I've heard from students that we needed one," DeGonia said. "The administration came to us last year, and we voiced those needs. I think it's directly because of us."

Announcement orders will be taken from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Thursday and Friday in the Southern bookstore. Class rings will also be available to order.

For more information or to order by phone, students may call 1-800-433-0296. □

What's Inside

A New Venue:

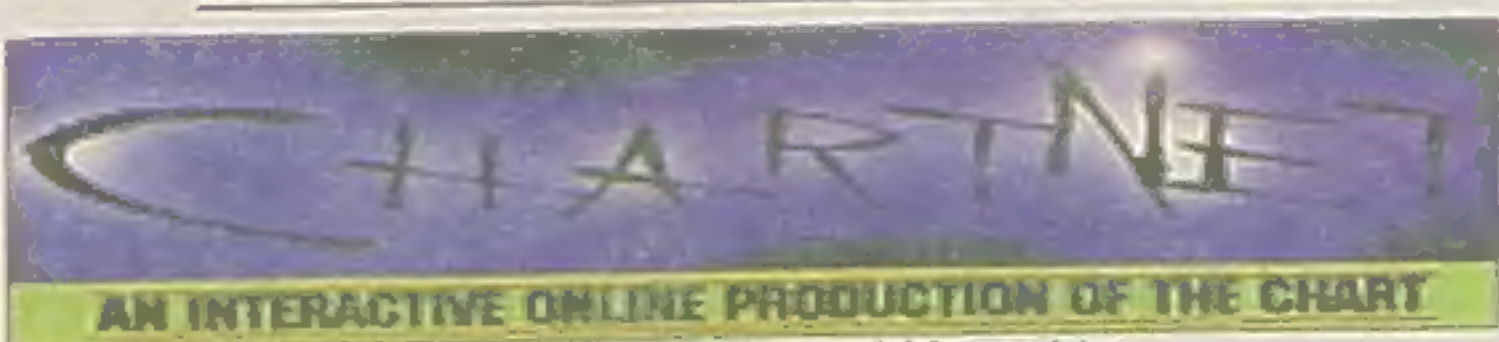
The Websters are the first of several bands participating at a new Missouri Southern entertainment venue. Bands, games, and food are all available at Touchdown Alley...Page 7



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COLLEGE FACULTY

Caldwell resigns; St. Louis bound

By AARON DESLATTÉ
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Linda Caldwell was a Lady Lion for four years even though she only wore the suit for a night.

A portrait hanging on the wall outside the Hearn Hall counseling office shows Caldwell dressed as the Missouri Southern mascot.

The director of counseling and testing at the College wore the Lion suit during a February 1996

basketball game. She doesn't recall the final score, but Caldwell plans to take the photo with her when she departs next month.

"It was always a fantasy to mine to run around in a costume being crazy," she said.

And the suit gave her the chance. Even if the end result wasn't what she expected.

"I'll never do that again," she said. "You couldn't see out of the suit, and kids from the other team kept pulling my tail. The security had to



Linda Caldwell

help, because the Lady Lion can't be mean."

Caldwell will be expected to bring her willingness to experiment in her new job. She is leaving

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SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

O'Sullivan donates software to College

By JEFF WELLS
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Maintaining ongoing relationships with local industries has netted Missouri Southern's school of technology the use of \$6 million worth of engineering software.

A site license to use ProEngineer Release 20 and access to all 57 modules of the program will be made available Oct. 5.

O'Sullivan Industries and its soft-

ware supplier, Parametric Technology Corp., made arrangements for Southern to receive a one-year site license.

One commercial license is \$325,000. Fran Bartholet, assistant professor of computer aided drafting and design, plans to use the software on 23 computers immediately with plans to expand.

The installation of the software at O'Sullivan allowed the company to choose one area educational insti-

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SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Bookstore eliminates voucher program

Although some students may not even open their books this semester, Missouri Southern has made it easier to pay for them.

Due to recent changes made between the bookstore and the business office, students can now charge rental and purchase book fees to their account. This new method is now in effect, and its purpose is to eliminate the voucher program.

"The voucher program was where you had to go to financial aid first and get a piece of paper," said Steve Taylor, bookstore manager. "Then [the student] would present it to us to charge to the account."

The voucher process not only kept the lines longer for students waiting to pick up books, but also caused extra expense.

"That was, of course, lots of paperwork," Taylor said.

The voucher program was available only to students receiving some type of financial aid. But now, any student can take advantage of this tool to help the Southern machine work more efficiently. Taylor likes the new system.

Even though the changes have made definite progress in the process of getting students ready for classes, there is still more work to be done.

The new method has shortened lines for getting books and helps if students show up earlier to pick up their books. □

Nigerian official plans visit, lecture at College

A special Africa Semester program will feature a lecture by the former Nigerian federal minister of science of technology, Dr. Bartholomew Nnaji.

The lecture, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Webster Hall auditorium, is sponsored by the Institute of International Studies and the school of technology. Dr. Moe Eze, professor of manufacturing information management systems, has arranged Nnaji's visit.

Nnaji is a distinguished professor of industrial engineering at the University of Pittsburgh. In 1984, he founded the Automation and Robotics Laboratory at the University of Massachusetts and became its director.

In 1993, Nnaji was appointed to the national cabinet post in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and was responsible for the development policies for all the research institutes and agencies in Nigeria as well as formulating industrial development policies.

He serves as consultant to the United Nations Development Program. □

Murdock to hold lecture on Tanzanian wildlife

Beautiful vistas, exotic wildlife, and amazing people from Tanzania will come to life during a special presentation by Missouri Southern psychology professor Gwen Murdock. The recent bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Tanzania briefly focused America's attention on that African country.

Murdock will provide even more insight about the people, the culture, and the land during her multimedia presentation at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15 in Matthews Hall auditorium.

Murdock was in Tanzania during an eight-month sabbatical studying the social behavior of antelope in Mikumi National Park. She also met a variety of people and observed how Tanzanians live: urban and rural, middle class and poor, Christian and Muslim.

Her presentation will include photographs of people, places, and animals. The program, free and open to the public, is being sponsored by the Southern Psychology Club and Phi Chi, a psychology honors society. □

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

Rainy days mean more parking woes

Every storm front pushes completion further behind

By AARON DESLATTÉ
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Projecting the end of Missouri Southern's parking woes has proven to be a problem better suited for meteorologists than College administrators.

Rainy weather is indefinitely delaying the completion of the College's new parking lot, located south-east of Bodon Field.

Although the lot originally was scheduled for completion in August, contractors are doubtful any commuters will be parking there until mid-October.

"I've been pushing to get the parking lot completed, but the rain as pushed it back," said College President Julio Leon. "It hasn't rained for three or four days now, so it will be back on track soon."

Mark Kirkham, project manager for Branco Enterprise, the company contracted to build the parking lot, said completion of the lot is postponed by about a week every time it rains.

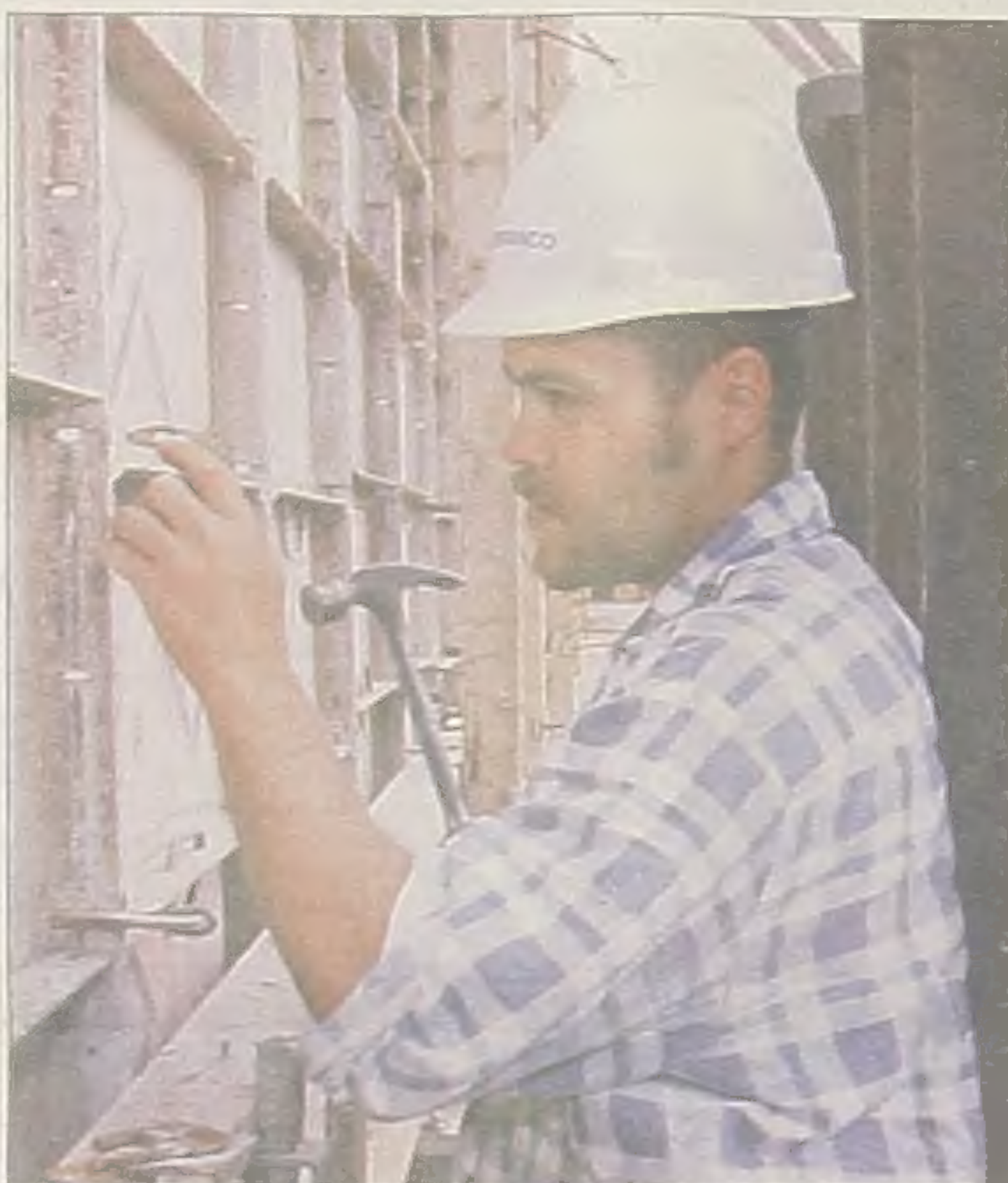
The problem is compounded by the process of replacing the poor dirt the lot is to be built on with "good" dirt, which hasn't been properly packed with gravel. Kirkham said the gravel couldn't be applied until the dirt had sufficiently dried out.

"The foundation is only as good as the ground is," he said.

"It has rained a lot. When it's all said and done, the water will drain out into the soccer field. Right now, the lot is below the soccer field, so that's not happening."

Kirkham said if the weather was cooperative, the lot could be completed by Oct. 5.

"But that's assuming it never rains again," he said. "And it's supposed to rain this weekend." □



(Above) Jason Faulkner lays the framework for a wall in the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. (Left) The future site of Missouri Southern's new parking lot has to dry out before it can be finished. HOPPADOL PADTHONG/The Chart

STUDENT SENATE

Graves nominated for vacancy

By JEFF WELLS
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Preparing for a group picture required more time than the agenda for the Missouri Southern Student Senate Wednesday night.

President Jesse DeGonia adjourned the meeting less than 20 minutes after calling it to order.

No group requested appropriations at the year's first business meeting. Next week the Senate will hear pleas from the International Club and the Student Nurses' Association.

DeGonia nominated senior senator Amy Graves to fill the vacant vice presidency and tapped past-president Sandy Fisk for parliamentarian. Neither nomination received any opposition and both were unanimously endorsed by the Senate.

Graves' ascension created a vacancy for senior representative. Christin Mathis created an opening in the junior delegation by declining to serve. Both openings will be filled next week.

DeGonia encouraged senators to tell their friends about the openings. New representatives will be chosen from interested candidates who attend the meeting.

Jennifer Droz, Henry Holmes, Nicole Hollenberg, and Heath Ellington were named to the finance committee. More committees will be named next week.

Three senators were absent from proceedings: Kenny Brown, Josh Marsh, and Jackson Matthews. □

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Mission major draws attention

By JEFF BILLINGTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A new major in international business has the business dean and students excited about the possibilities it holds for the future.

"I'm predicting that within four to five years, it will be one of our major majors," said Jim Gray, dean of the school of business. "It will be one of the leading areas for us."

Gray said the major is a natural outgrowth of Missouri Southern's international mission.

"We in the school of business need to be, by our own nature, leaders in developing and bringing that international mission to light," he said. "I had a number of visits from potential students and parents who were very interested in the international mission for the College as a whole and in particular the international business degree."

Terry Marion, professor of business, said some freshmen already have indicated this major as their primary reason for coming to Southern, and others changed their majors to accommodate the new degree option.

"I'd say so far I've had five or six freshmen tell me they came here specifically for this," he said. "We can identify 15 to 16 majors already in international business. Part of them are students who are already here, and when it came, they wanted the major."

Nastia Bokova, senior international business and

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IN AND OUT



An inflatable obstacle course was one of seven-year-old Brittany Eppright's favorite attractions at Touchdown Alley.

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OUR EDITORIAL

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College jungle in no danger

Once again bargain prices have brought more game into Missouri Southern's wild world of education.

Southern's safari on educational opportunities, made available by the international mission, continues to make the College more and more attractive to bargain hunters in the four-state area.

And apparently, more students are realizing you don't need an elephant gun to nail one.

The College's enrollment numbers released this week show a dramatic increase in not only first-time freshmen, but also out-of-state students — a testament to an administration gaining ground in the recruiting wilds of Midwest America.

College President Julio Leon credits much of the success to intensified recruiting efforts throughout the region. But students are also seeing the problems that have been hiding in the bushes.

More wildlife on campus means less habitat room. Tighter space in the residence halls.

Fewer places to dock the pontoon boat. Even the departments, themselves, are running out of room to breathe in the shrinking Southern ecosystem.

But Lion tamer Leon isn't sweating in the jungle dry heat. "These are nice problems for us to have. It shows that we are growing," he says.

"When we are talking about needing construction, or needing more space because departments are growing, these are all good problems."

Bold words for an institution about to enter what could be the last year of enhanced mission funding.

But his eternal optimism is a good thing. It will take a masterful performance to maintain Southern's international focus and keep the Southern wildlife on the right path. Leon will have some help from Tarzan Camahan, King of this educational jungle, as they lock horns with the Hancock headhunters in fighting for mission funding and more bananas. □

MIAA should plug its own holes

In four short days, representatives from Missouri Southern will present their case to the MIAA infractions committee and fall on the organization's mercy regarding an ineligible football player from last year.

In all likelihood, the College will have to forfeit the games Camell Matthews played in and possibly pay a fine — a slap on the wrist for the athletic department and a slap in the face for the football team.

It was a mistake. This much has been admitted by Southern officials. What should be taken into consideration at the committee meeting is that Southern did contact the NCAA concerning the issue of eligibility before Matthews even set foot on the field.

The athletic department was advised on two separate occasions that Matthews would be eligible to play.

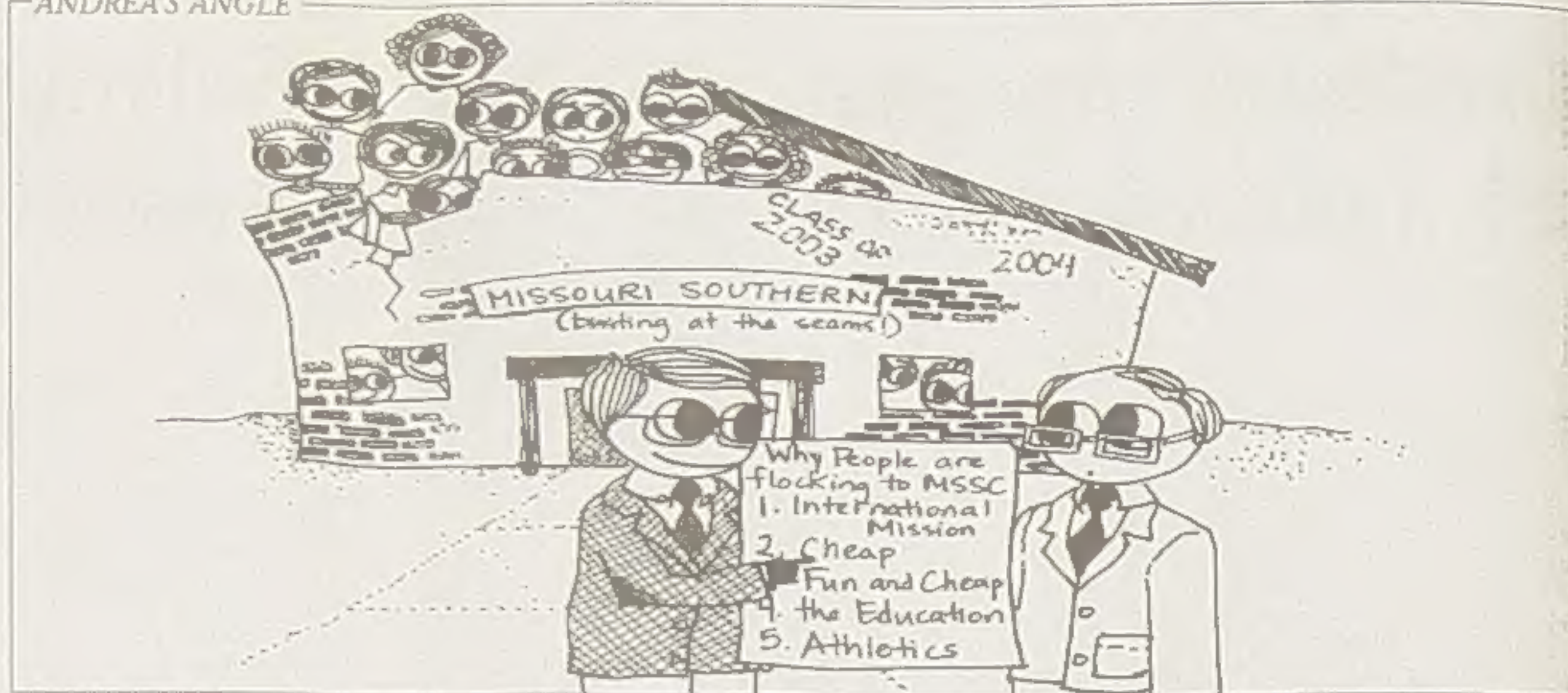
And if the rules were too complicated to catch a player like Matthews, who dropped almost 30 hours at two colleges in one semester, then it sounds like a revision is in order.

The NCAA eligibility rules are a sinking ship with the infractions committee at the helm, trying to navigate with too many holes in the hull.

If a finger is going to be pointed at the College, and some 70 players are going to see their team record forever tainted, the NCAA should be willing to take some of the blame. Or at least use that finger to plug one of the holes.

College officials have made no attempts at shirking their responsibility for a humiliating situation. Southern self-reported the incident. The College shouldn't get off scot-free, but we shouldn't have to walk the plank alone, either. □

ANDREA'S ANGLE



EDITOR'S COLUMN

Relationship with Christ is worth writing about

Ever hear of Steve Largent? Maybe not. How about Jerry Rice? Probably so. Steve Largent is the former receiver for the Seattle Seahawks whose records Rice is busting right now. To most people who have ever heard of Largent, he is a great football player, but having a limited knowledge of football, I've only recently heard of him.

Last week I was talking with a friend about how much it bothers me when people, after finding out I'm a Christian, ask me what religion I am. He told me about the record-setting Largent. How he didn't have an agent, how he refused to go on strike due to his agreement with the Seahawks, and about his constant tributes to God as the One who made his success possible.

Apparently, at his speech during his Hall of Fame induction, Largent addressed an often-

asked question of whether "religion" had played a big part in his success. He responded by saying he was not a "religious" man, but instead had a "relationship" with Jesus Christ.

That story hit the nail on the head for me. It wasn't that I am afraid to be thought of as religious, it was that my life as a Christian is more than that. It is a constant daily walk with a living Savior, without whom I would have nothing.

No one ever said Christians are perfect. I'll be the first to admit that I have issues of hypocrisy and times of doubt along with everyone else. The difference is, when those times come in my Christian life, I have a Lord who guides me through the rough stuff and pushes me to get beyond it by His forgiveness and grace.

These qualities do not characterize a religion; they are words of testimony about a real and ongoing relationship.

I am aware of the many Christian organizations on this campus, and I guarantee they are not solely about telling people the Laws of Moses or how to talk or dress or act. They are about doing the work of Christians, which is to

love people — all people — and providing a way for the campus of Missouri Southern to share in their relationship with Christ. After such a relationship is established, everything else will fall into place.

When pondering this issue, and even if I should write this column, I began to think of the awesome people God has put in my life and how tremendously I have been changed through knowing Him. I weighed that knowledge against the sure placement of my name in that of the "self-proclaimed righteous elite" category spoken of recently in an "In Perspective" column of *The Chart*.

I decided that righteousness is not a bad thing, not a negative term.

The righteousness that comes not from man but from Christ is something to be strived for seriously and continually.

So, in the end I decided to make use of this column I'm afforded once a semester by talking about what I'm really all about. When it all comes down, I know whose opinion will really matter. □

IN PERSPECTIVE

Home-runs are welcome White House distraction

Used to be, back in the old days, we had heroes. You know, men and women who worked hard and sacrificed — usually themselves in some way — to achieve sometimes impossibly lofty goals. Those goals may have been to save lives, provide for their families (which explains why moms and dads are often described by their children as "heroes"), to invent something, to discover something, to lead a nation or multi-national corporation, to surpass a milestone in sports, to boldly go where no man or woman has gone before.

One mark of these old heroes was that they usually acted altruistically, that is, as much for the benefit of OTHERS as for their own benefit. In the news recently, we have been reading about the exploits of two emergent heroes — Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa — and a person who should be a hero but is not — President Clinton. The juxtaposition of these two categories of "heroes" gives me pause and causes me to orbit around the idea for a while. Bear with me.

Used to be, when people of my generation

were children, if we were asked what we wanted to be when we grew up, more often than not we would answer, "I wanna be President when I grow up!" Not anymore, though the cynical among us — our generation has been well-schooled in cynicism — now see new reasons why we would want to be President, if we are to believe that woman, Miss Lewinsky's, testimony in the Starr Report.

But seriously, folks, in this climate who would want to be President anymore? Perhaps the most selfish and powerful among us would for whatever self-gratificational reasons. If we are to believe the testimony, our national leader has indeed abandoned the claim to moral leadership that ought to be a requirement of a President. I think we ought to expect more of a President than effective organizational leadership skills and good policies. But that's just my opinion.

Anyway, people in my generation can remember "heroes" in the old school, though our culture has apparently robbed us of most of them, past and present. But that's a topic for a much longer essay than I have the space for here. So, in the absence of a national hero in the White House, where does today's generation turn?

Fortunately, storming through the dark clouds in just the darkest hour, able to launch projectiles over tall buildings at a single swing, come two baseball heroes who may redeem the concept of "hero" and restore it to its ancient and

rightful place. Today's younger generation needs Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa. And look at what region of the country they represent — the good, rock-solid Midwest heartland of Chicago and St. Louis! And don't forget that Chicago is the home of that other great sports hero, Michael What's-His-Name. Sure, McGwire's and Sosa's home runs don't save lives or feed the poor or provide homes for the homeless or eliminate dread diseases, but these men have helped to provide diversion for a wracked nation as they both broke a 37-year-old record that surpassed Babe Ruth's magic 60 hit 71 years ago. Who would have ever thought that the great Babe's single-season record would one day be merely fourth on the list and Roger Maris's would be third? Anyway, the self-effacing manner in which McGwire and Sosa have conducted themselves during the home run chase has been an antidote to the selfishness of pro and even college sports of late. Whether they wanted to be or not, they have both become "heroes" to this nation, and just when we needed them. I long to remember what a hero is like, and today's generation needs to actually see a couple of national heroes so that they can remember them in the next millennium.

I just hope our media doesn't discover dirt under their apparently clean fingernails. I don't think I could take that. Neither could this nation. □

Dr. Dale Simpson
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YOUR LETTERS

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Southern name change is just a bad dream

I had an awful dream the other night. It was so bad that I can hardly even speak of it. I dreamt that there was a movement at MSSC to change the name of this school to "Missouri (Southern) State University!" Can you imagine that? The thought of this little school calling itself a "University!" The audacity of some people who would believe MSSC to be in the same league as MU, UMKC, SMSU, and others. I can't believe I dreamt this. It must have been something I ate!

I mean really, look at this: 1. The library is in bad shape. 2. Don't even get me started on the campus computer system! 3. Hello, no master's degree programs of its own, except those in conjunction with, yep...you guessed it, a real university (SMSU)!

I have heard some students say that graduating from a university would look better on their résumés. Perhaps, but if every little school started calling itself a university, how good would it

look then? "Hey, I graduated from DeVry University." Or "Yep, I'm a Vatterott University alumnus." Get my point? I don't know why I'm writing all this, it was just a bad dream, right?

Otherwise, we could add "B.S." to University, and be "B.S.U.!" What do you think of that? Gosh, I really hope this is all a bad dream!

Donnie Simon
Senior communications major



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CITY OF JOPLIN

Medical marijuana goal of park rally

Southern experience influences organizer

Local reaction mixed; opposition expressed

By ELIZABETH SCHURMAN
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Former Missouri Southern student Al Minta is coordinating Joplin's first Cannabis Revival to promote the legalization of marijuana for medical uses.

The Cannabis Revival will be an all-day event Saturday at Schifferdecker Park.

"Our purpose is to legalize medical marijuana and use the hemp plant to replace fossil fuels," Minta said.

He hopes events will kick off around noon, or when people start arriving.

"We will have food, bands, jewelry, and T-shirts," he said. "The T-shirt proceeds will go to fund another Cannabis Revival next year."

Nine bands tentatively are scheduled to perform.

The radio station Live 105.3 will be at the Revival, along with many commercial booths selling hemp jewelry and demonstrating products.

Minta will be speaking on the history of marijuana and the Drug Enforcement Agency. Minta believes his experiences at Southern influenced him considerably.

"My professors always told me to go do something about what I was constantly talking about," Minta said.

Minta believes the Cannabis Revival will be an annual event depending upon how the community and the Joplin Police Department react. Lt. Carl Francis of the JPD does not foresee any problems.

"Schifferdecker Park is within our jurisdiction, and we patrol through that park every day," Francis said. "We will treat this no different than any other day unless we spot any illegal activity."

Minta requested the use of the facility at Schifferdecker through the Joplin Parks Department advisory board, who then sent the request to assistant city attorney Brian Head.

"When we received the request, we looked into the laws around the issue," Head said. "My understanding about the festival is that it is advocating the alternative uses of marijuana. The Constitution guarantees a right to free speech and the right to advocate political change."

Minta is hoping, if the revival is held next year, that he can have it in a larger spot. Minta claims the city wants him to hold it at McClelland Park.

"I think that marijuana has many medical uses that are beneficial to people," he said. "Alcohol is more damaging to the brain and the reflexes than this. The festival is for the young and the old both."

Minta expects about 300 people to attend the Cannabis Revival, but hopes for even more.

"Everyone is invited to come and celebrate with us and have a good time," he said.

Joplin's first Cannabis Revival has drawn varying reactions from area residents.

"I believe if you legalize those types of things (marijuana), then it is more difficult to fight the abuses," said Fran Hauser, coordinator of a Joplin organization called Community 2000.

Community 2000 is a grass-roots effort in Joplin, funded by a federal grant, to continue bringing to the public drug and alcohol issues and education.

"I also think that legalization would make the law enforcement's job even more difficult than it already is, which would be wrong," Hauser said.

She believes the best response to the revival is no response. "Not participating in the revival or not purchasing anything is the best form of disagreement," Hauser said. "People need to vote with their dollars and their feet."

Although many would argue that marijuana usage is improper, most would say that the Cannabis Revival organizers have the right to stage a rally.

"I think if people want to get together and talk about something, then they have every right to as long as they are not doing anything illegal or infringing on other people's rights," said Dr. J. Dirk Nelson, head of the kinesiology department at Missouri Southern.

Lt. Ed Moses, assistant director of training at the Missouri Highway Patrol Police Academy, believes there are no medical uses for marijuana.

"I think this is just propaganda for the back-door legalization of a drug that distorts time, depth, distance, space, reaction time, perception, and the thought process," he said.

Moses compares using marijuana as a medical use to the thought of using molded bread for penicillin.

He said only one chemical out of the 400 in the plant might be of use for any medical reason.

Some people believe the holding of such an event will give younger children the wrong image.

Marijuana use primarily affects people ages 18 to 24.

"I think that it's wrong to glamorize marijuana when it's illegal, especially in a place where we emphasize D.A.R.E. and Street Smart in our schools," said Patricia Haddock, a junior economics and finance major at Southern.

Moses believes the promotion of an event advocating marijuana will target that age group in the Joplin community.

"If a town has social acceptance and low risk, then there will be high usage," he said. "When the community does not do anything about this, then the kids will have the perception that it's OK to promote an illegal drug."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Population increase causes bank expansion, competition

By BRIAN WIRTH
STAFF WRITER

City growth may be the reason for the explosion of banks Joplin is experiencing.

Joplin now has 11 different banks with offices located throughout the city.

The increase of banks is due to the city's increase in population, according to Rob O'Brian, president of the

Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Banks in this area are seeing that Joplin is growing and many of them are expanding," he said.

Of the 11 banks, many of them have more than one office. Commerce Bank has three, Community Bank and Trust has two, First State Bank has two, Great Southern Bank has one, Mercantile Bank has five, Nations Bank has one, Roosevelt Bank has two, Southwest Missouri Bank has two,

United Missouri Bank has three, Arvest Bank has one and is in the process of building another on 32nd Street, and Webb City Bank is also building a new office on 32nd Street.

"The market here in Joplin is really growing and a lot of new businesses are coming to town," O'Brian said. "This means that more banks will be needed."

Three new banks are now being built on 32nd Street. This is due to the lack of banks in the southwest

part of Joplin, O'Brian said.

"The southwest part of town is a high-traffic area, and a lot of people live in that area," he said. "There are not a lot of banks down there now, but the banks are beginning to realize this and move closer to that area of people."

Even with the increased amount of banks, most are still prospering.

"We have noticed a lot of competition coming into town, but we are still doing very well," said Randy

Evans, vice president of Mercantile Bank.

With the increased competition, banks will have to do their jobs even better, said Jeff Jones, executive vice president of Community Bank and Trust.

"More banks means more competition," he said. "Fortunately, we have seen an increase in customers. To do well, we need to sharpen our pencils and make sure we get things done right."

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

City Council examines potential parking solutions

Downtown Joplin business owners have appealed to the City Council to increase available parking.

The request was made as part of a public hearing on the proposed 1998-99 budget at Monday's Council meeting.

Harold McCoy, public works director, said the creation of more parallel parking places by widening the street would cost \$500,000 to \$600,000. Another suggestion is the purchase of the former American Water Co. building at Seventh Street and Joplin Avenue. Acquisition of the property would add 27 spaces.

Annual charity round-up downtown Saturday

Cattle will again wander through downtown Joplin Saturday. The annual oddity is part of Turnaround Ranch's celebration of Wild West Days.

A cattle drive will begin at 9 a.m. at Landreth Park on North Murphy Boulevard. The cattle will follow Langston Hughes Boulevard to Joplin Avenue, Joplin Avenue to 20th Street, and 20th Street west to the Turnaround Ranch.

Festivities are planned for children and adults after the cattle arrive. The public is welcome to attend.

The Ozark Center's Turnaround Ranch is a not-for-profit organization that provides a home for more than 50 boys and girls, ages 12 to 18, from across Missouri. The ranch helps emotionally troubled teens build self-esteem through interaction with the cattle, horses, and other animals at the ranch.

Health foundation gives \$304,852 for health

The Mercy Regional Health Foundation approved \$304,852 in grants to local health services at its quarterly board meeting.

The largest single grant, \$97,500, went to St. John's Hospice, Home Health, Lifeline, and Discovery Center to provide services for those who otherwise couldn't afford the services.

Another \$85,000 will be used to collaborate with the city of Grove, Okla., to provide an improved and enhanced 911 emergency radio communications system for areas of Delaware and Ottawa counties in Oklahoma.

St. John's MedMobile received \$63,000 to provide dental equipment and a bone densitometer to assist in diagnosing osteoporosis. The MedMobile provides health screening and care at various locations in southwest Missouri.

Ronald McDonald Charities of the Four States received \$20,000 to purchase a van to provide transportation to those staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

Other grants were awarded to the Afton, Okla., Fire Department; St. John's Breast Cancer Screening Program; Eagle Rock, Golden, and Mano Volunteer Fire Departments; MedFlight; and Hackberry Township Volunteer Fire Department.

County commissioner resigns citing stress

Mike Cloud, Jasper County Eastern District commissioner, announced his resignation Monday.

Cloud said the reasons for his resignation included stress, health, and family.

His resignation is effective Sept. 30. Gov. Mel Carnahan will appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of Cloud's term.

Carl Junction board goes on the road to push bond

The Carl Junction R-1 School Board has scheduled three public meetings to promote a \$9.5 million bond issue. The issue is on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Meetings will be Oct. 20 and 26 at Carl Junction Junior High and Oct. 27 at the Asbury United Methodist Church. All meetings will begin at 7 p.m.

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■ **International Film Festival:** "Johan will be 25 in the Year 2000" (Swiss 1976), at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Matthews Auditorium, \$1.50 a person.

Today 25

Withdrawal after this date no refund of fees
CAB Contest: Graffiti contest for the Pittsburg State University game
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Student Organizational Annual Report forms due, BSC Room 102

Saturday 26

CAB Trip: Renaissance Festival Celtic Weekend
7 p.m.—
Football at Pittsburg State University

Monday 28

9 a.m.—
Blood Drive, BSC Keystone Ballroom

Tuesday 29

Yom Kippur begins at sunset

FRANKLIN TECHNOLOGY CENTER

New equipment enhances job training

By JO BETH HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

The answer may be surprising what field of study one can start while in high school and have a guaranteed job when the education is finished.

Computer Numerical Controlled (CNC) machinery operations has been made a major part of the work force in the past decade. Computer numerical control involves everything from casting molds to making actual products. The problem is a shortage of workers skilled in this particular field.

"People shy away from this field for some reason," said Steve Reed, Franklin Technology Center instructor.

There seems to be a certain connotation to being a machine worker, he said. What Reed wants to stress is that this field is not what it used to be. What used to be done by manual labor is now done by computers.

Because of this, more training is involved. What used to be on the Franklin Tech campus behind Joplin High School moved to Missouri Southern. This consolidation uses less tax money and more sophisticated equipment.

"These kids are sharp," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, Southern's vice president for lifelong learning and dean of technology. "They have taken their math classes and computer

classes so they will know how to run these machines that are run completely by computer."

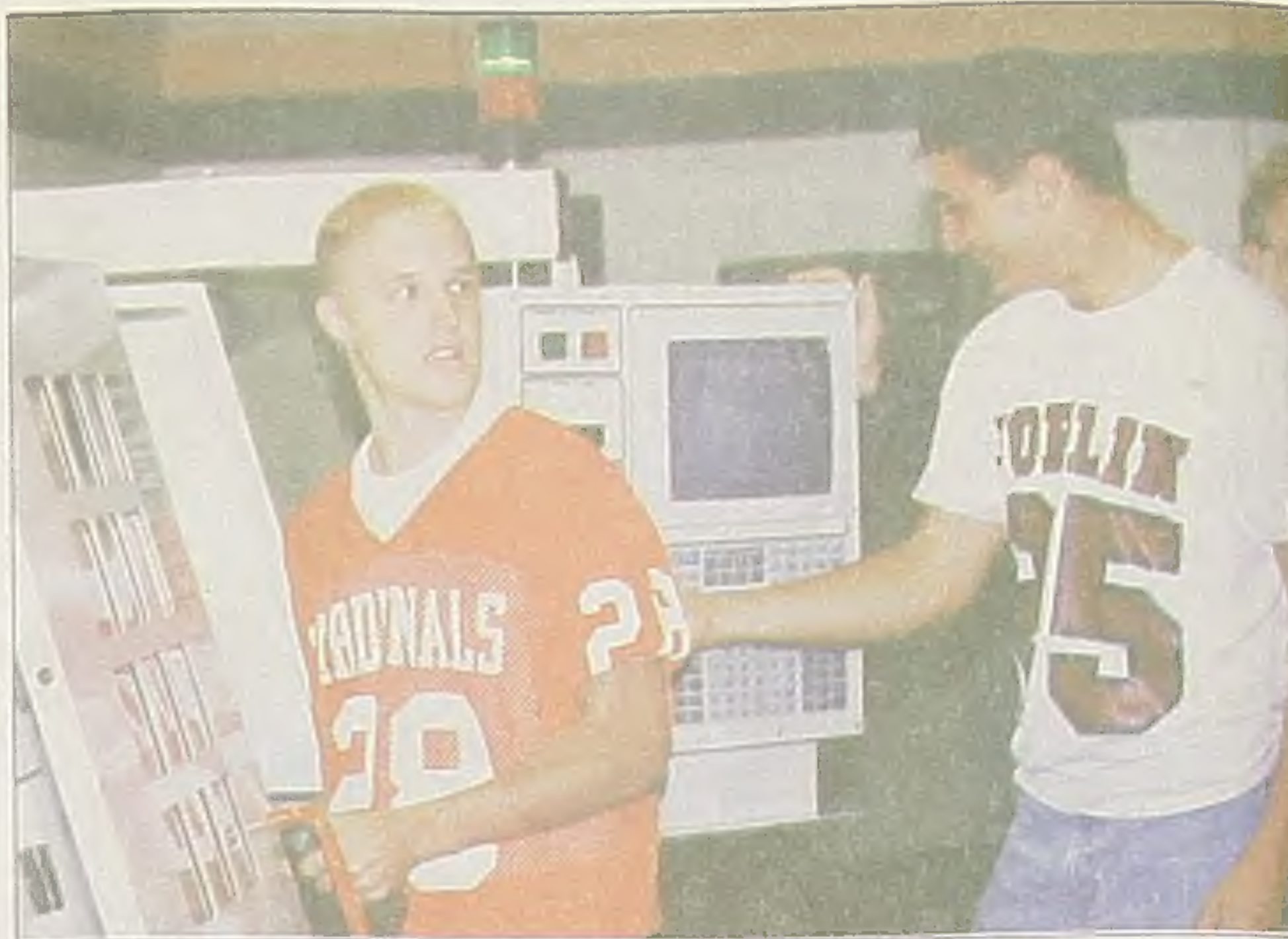
Sharp people are what the program needs. Franklin Tech is trying to become a NIMS Credentialing Program. The National Institute for Metalworking Skills, Inc. is a way to become certified as a CNC machinery worker, which is important to both workers and employers alike.

According to the NIMS Skill Standards Report, only 10 programs in four states have been certified. To be certified, a program must complete a self-study and an on-site quality audit by a three-person team led by a certified on-site team leader.

Because of new equipment purchased with a state grant, Franklin Tech is optimistic that certification will come in the near future.

Classes have doubled in size since Franklin Tech moved students to the Southern campus. The awareness of job opportunities in the area has brought this change.

"There are parts made here in Joplin that are on space crafts and lunar modules," Reed said. "Machinery is involved in everything. They not only make the product, but they also make the machines that make the products. Without machinery, we wouldn't be as far advanced today as we are. But people just don't think about it."



HEATHER FARREN/The Chart

Tyler Clark, Webb City High School, and Chuck Emminger, Joplin High School, test out the new equipment at the Franklin Technology Center on Friday.

He is hopeful the mindset has changed when it comes to machine work. Work that used to be grimy, dirty, and hard manual labor is now done by computers. Blueprints are put into the computer, converted to code, and made into parts.

Machine workers need not be ashamed of what they do. This is evident in the larger classes.

Spurlin anticipates the larger class trend will continue.

"This is just a continuation of what we started with Franklin Tech

three years ago," he said. "But, this is the first program where high school students are going to be on the campus five days a week and have the ability to earn college credit while finishing their high school program." □

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Laura Adkins, who has been teaching mathematics at Missouri Southern since 1980, is a member of a family of teachers including her husband, sister, and both parents.

Adkins relieves anxiety with humor

Instructor receives joy, encouragement from job

By JEFF BILLINGTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Next time someone feels math anxiety creeping in, all they need to do is talk to Laura Adkins, instructor of mathematics, to start feeling better.

An instructor at Missouri Southern since 1980, she is regarded as one of the most caring and comical faculty members on campus. Dr. Ann Allman, counselor, said these assets seem to give Adkins a step up when it comes to teaching mathematics.

"She has an incredible sense of humor that really makes people feel at ease, not only with her but with her subject matter," Allman said. "I think she uses that extremely well to relieve math anxiety."

"I think in her subject area she's probably one of the top two, maybe three, but I put her in the top as far as being able to make people feel comfortable about math and that they can do it."

Adkins, originally from North Dakota near the Canadian border, has lived in Joplin since the third grade.

"I went to Memorial [High School] and it's no longer a functioning high school, it's now a junior high, it got demoted," Adkins said. "I don't think it had anything to do with me going there, though. I don't know for sure. I just don't think so."

She graduated from Southern and received a master's degree from Pittsburg State University. Before teaching at the college level she taught in public schools for seven years.

"I had always wanted to teach on this level, the opportunity availed itself, and I'm really glad it did. I love it here at Southern."

She comes from a teaching family that includes her husband, parents, and a sister. Her husband, Alan, who is retired from public school teaching after 30 years, teaches mathematics part-time at Southern.

Adkins is the mother of two sons, Schuyler, 18 and Jordan, 14. She said they are both involved in sports and the fine arts, and her oldest son will be the male lead in the Joplin Little Theatre production of *Oklahoma*.

Adkins said a couple of things keep her striving to excel at teaching.

"I think foremost are my students because I want to do a good job helping them help themselves in life," she said. "And then my colleagues — I think they bring out the best in me. I think we try to bring out the best in each other."

"I'm really fortunate. I love my job, I love my co-workers, and I love my students."

Adkins views her job as more than just teaching mathematics.

"I see my position here as trying to affect people in a positive way, trying to help them see how much potential they have, and help them develop that potential," she said.

Allman said Adkins uses different methods to conquer such fears as math anxiety in her classes.

"I think one thing that people fear the most is going up and doing things on the board. She gets them over it real quickly," Allman said. "I sneaked over there and played Peeping Tom and looked in her class to see what they were doing. They were up there doing board work and just laughing like she had fed them all ice cream."

Allman said Adkins' informal style also makes her a good teacher.

"She has a tremendous ability to take the complex and make it simple," Allman said. "She takes some of the hardest concepts and explains them, and if she sees the class confused, she'll say 'Aw, just forget what I said, let's just combine them,' and that puts a whole new perspective on it."

"She can teach algebra to a frog and make him like it," Allman said.

When Allman and Adkins get together, they make an interesting yet good hearted pair.

"When we go out to lunch together, we really should, for other people's sake, take a law enforcement officer along with us," Allman said. "We're not to be trusted; in fact, don't turn your back on either one of us or you will be in dire peril. We can do dastardly pranks; they are all very nice and good, but unexpected and good. We should really just warn the restaurant before we come." □

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Club caters to personnel management

By JANA BLANKENSHIP
STAFF WRITER

Some students on campus may be oblivious to the fact Missouri Southern does not offer human resources as a major.

Instead, Southern offers a degree in management with an emphasis in human resources. Human resources also attracts students from the psychology and communications departments, said Terry Marion, director of the International Trade and Quality Center and professor of business.

He said although there is not a degree specifically designed for human resource majors, Southern does offer most of the course work needed. A minor is in the works for next year.

"The field is very dynamic," he said. "There are some real pluses, but also some negative because it deals with conflict."

Human resources deals with a variety of job responsibilities such as recruiting, selecting employees for jobs, training, keeping records, and health and safety conditions.

Although Southern does not offer a degree in human resources, the Human Resources Club is open to those students interested in the field. Terri Agee, director of human resources and club sponsor, started the club in September 1996. The club is affiliated with the national chapter of the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM).

Every month the club attends a luncheon with the SHRM. They discuss current topics and human resources.

"It's a great way to meet people," Agee said. "Networking and meeting people are our two goals."

The club also looks for internship possibilities for students. Agee said the experience looks good on a resumé.

"The biggest benefit is that the club can kick off a career in human resources," she said.

"It's great hands-on experience. You can have a nice resumé and have made contacts by graduation."

Agee said her favorite part of the club is watching club members successfully working in human resources.

"I like being a stepping stone from college to the work force," she said. "I also like the mentoring."

She also would like to gain more attraction from communications majors.

"It's a field that's wide open to whomever enjoys challenges," she said. "It's never boring."

The club meets the second Thursday of every month and attends the SHRM luncheon the third Wednesday of every month.

Persons interested in the Human Resources Club may contact Agee at 625-9783. □

Exhibit showcases unknown talents

By ERIN SELLERS
STAFF WRITER

Math instructors can be Picassos. The Spiva Art Gallery is planning an exhibit that displays the artistic talents of Missouri Southern staff, faculty, and their families.

The exhibit, titled "Beyond Department Walls," will run from March 29 through April 16.

Among faculty and staff interested in contributing to the exhibit are Dr. Gwendolyn Murdock, professor of psychology, and Dr. Brad Kleindl, associate professor of business. Murdock's contribution will include photographs of her recent trip to Tanzania.

"I think people will appreciate some from an artistic and cultural perspective, others just from a scenic perspective," she said.

MARCHING BAND

Band lifestyle proves hectic

By MICHELLE CONTY
STAFF WRITER

For senior music education major Jerry Schultz, this season in Lion Pride Marching Band is bittersweet.

In May, he plans to walk down the aisle and receive his diploma.

"We have an amazing group, a great group," he said. "Very talented and enthusiastic; I feel like I'm going out with a bang."

Schultz has played trombone for 14 of his 23 years. His six years at Missouri Southern provide a valuable asset to the entire marching band.

"The seniors are able to help and are given a leadership role in the band," he said.

Being in the marching band and playing at the football games requires much dedication. Simply passing out uniforms requires an hour a day for one to two weeks.

"Each uniform has seven or eight pieces," Schultz said.

"You have to make sure everyone looks sharp. Pants have to be exactly the right length, jackets have to come down so far. Every detail has to be perfect."

The members gather for a large band party where everyone learns the cheers and meets the other members.

During the second week of the semester, band activity moves outside.

Students are given show sheets with pictures of the formations on them, and the process of memorization begins.

The percussion section meets once a week apart from the band to work on those extra steps in order to bring a big sound to the group.

The marching band is not complete without the color guard and dancers.

While the band members are learning their music and march positions, the color guard and dancers are practicing on their own. All the elements come together during that last practice or two.

The day before a football game, they practice on the playing field, "the big field."

This is where the memorization comes in. They set up for pre-game and run the show a couple of times in its full entirety.

Up to this point, the members have practiced in segments.

"When we have rehearsal on the day of the game we have to be really careful not to wear ourselves out, but to get done and look sharp, step off together, keep our pictures clean and sound big," Schultz said.

On game day, the band meets an hour ahead of game time and has a five-minute warm-up and tune-up time.

After role is taken, more than 100 people including dancers and color guard head across the street to line up and begin the performance.

A game day performance they have spent hours upon hours preparing for. □

Many of the photographs to be displayed were taken by Murdock's husband, John Couper. He has put on several photographic exhibitions.

"It's not an entirely new experience," Murdock said about contributing to the exhibits. "It's a side of me people don't see around campus."

Kleindl's artistic medium is pottery. "Beyond Department Walls" will include several of the pots he has thrown.

Kleindl has been throwing pots since the early 1970s. He became interested in pottery while attending college.

"That's what I think is great about college," he said. "You can experiment with a lot of different things, including those on the creative and artistic side."

"Before I started doing what I'm doing now, I considered art as a possible career, but I always thought it would make a better hobby than a career for me. I saw people who were much more talented than I."

TOUCHDOWN ALLEY

New attraction draws tailgaters

By ANDRE L. SMITH
SPORTS EDITOR

In order to establish a better football atmosphere for tailgaters, several activities are planned for Missouri Southern home games.

Ron Fauss, marketing and broadcasting director for Southern athletics, has joined with '62 Sports Group in Illinois to provide "Touchdown Alley" for Southern tailgaters.

"Touchdown Alley" includes a quarterback challenge, kicking challenge, putting game, and obstacle course that Fauss says will attract younger fans.

"Whenever you go to any stadium at any level, football games are more of an event than just a football game," Fauss said.

"We want to bring young people to Southern home games. With youth comes enthusiasm and volume. There's nothing more we want than 7,000 psychos screaming their heads off when we're playing at home."

Before last week's home opener against Northwest Missouri State, The Websters performed in front of Fred G. Hughes Stadium. The Websters will also provide musical entertainment before the Homecoming game. In addition, the local band 4-5-6 will also perform prior to home games.

Nathan Camp, a senior music education major, said the addition of the festivities is a change that Southern needed.

"It's what a college campus is supposed to be like," he said. "It's a 180-degree turnaround from other years. The crowd was really in the mood for the game."

Southern fans at the home opener found out that the fun does not stop when the seats are filled. Before the opening kickoff, Kansas City Chief mascot KC Wolf entertained the crowd by throwing around a replica of the Bearcats' mascot to the song "Bad to the Bone."

A lion and two cubs were also present at the game for crowd entertainment. As the band played on and Southern's football team took the field, fans jumped in fright at the loud blast of a cannon. The cannon was purchased by the athletic department and will be heard when the Lions score.

"All of these things will hopefully increase our fan support and people will make a day out of home games," Fauss said. □



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

The Websters, a Joplin-based alternative rock band, performs Thursday, Sept. 17, at Touchdown Alley prior to Southern's home opener against Northwest Missouri.

Solo debut showcases Hill's poetic lyrical style

LAURYN HILL "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill" (Columbia Records) — Rarely is an artist able to complete an album in which each song contributes to the message of the work as a whole. However, with her solo debut, Lauryn Hill has accomplished what takes most in the music business the span of an entire career to create.

Until now, Hill may have been more easily identified as the only female vocalist/rapper in the commercially successful hip-hop group The Fugees. But with her first solo effort, Hill distinguishes herself from her band members, giving herself a distinct identity.

"The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill" gives listeners a lesson in reality, love, truth, and spirituality.

Hill examines the elements of the human soul without forgetting the rhyme and beat that made The Fugees such a huge success. Her mixture of rap and melody keeps the listener's interest almost as much as her use of instrumentation.

In "To Zion," lead guitar credits go to

rock legend Carlos Santana. The music's ethnic blend and Hill's lyrics about the birth of her son work together to create a truly touching spiritual hymn.

Throughout the album, Hill incorporates an entourage of musical instruments including trombones, trumpets, flutes, clarinets, and even a harp. However, to say the album's strength lies within the music and the use of instruments would be misleading. The album's real strength lies in Hill's lyrics. With love songs a dime a dozen, Hill goes beyond the soda-popish lyrics that reach the ears and minds of a culture that too often chooses its music based upon the appearance of the artist rather than the message of the song.

Hill's rhymes are not generic. While listening to the album, one gets the feeling her lyrics are heartfelt and real.

Hill addresses these generalist artists in the song "Superstar" when she writes "Now tell me your philosophy, on what exactly an artist should be."

Should they be someone with prosperity,

and no concept of reality."

The idea there is dignity in truth is a mainstay throughout the album.

Though her debut may not have the commercial appeal The Fugees generated three years ago, several songs from the album should see extensive air play across the country, including "Doo Wop (That Thing)," "Nothing Even Matters," and the hidden bonus track "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You."

"The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill" produces a real intellect above the teenage-oriented music industry. It demands respect.

No music lover can deny the strength in diversity the album holds in its musical content. Her use of instruments and strong vocals may surprise naysayers who would view her primarily as a rap artist.

Her poetic story-like lyrics make even the best contemporary lyricists look mediocre. In the album's title track Hill proclaims, "And every time I tried to be, what someone has thought of me. So caught up I wasn't able to achieve. But deep in my heart, the answer it was in me. And I made up my mind to find my own destiny."

In this her first solo album, Hill has shown the whole world her destiny and quite possibly helped shape that of countless others. □



Courtesy of Columbia Records



Susie Frisbie
Arts Editor

In Review

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If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Susie Frisbie at 625-9311.



■ Bassoonist William Ludwig and Dr. Henry Jones will perform in a faculty recital tonight in Webster Hall Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Today 25

9:00 p.m.—
The Websters will be performing tonight at the Kitchen Pass.
Admission \$5

Friday 29

7:00 p.m.—
International Film Fest "Jonah Who Will Be 25 in the Year 2000" Switzerland 1976
Matthews Hall Auditorium
Admission \$1.50

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Spiva Art Gallery
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Transition to Euro gradual, without extra charge

By MICHAEL RASKA
EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT

Nick Wood, a member of the European Affairs Commission, answers the following questions about Europe's new currency, which will debut on Jan. 1, 1999.

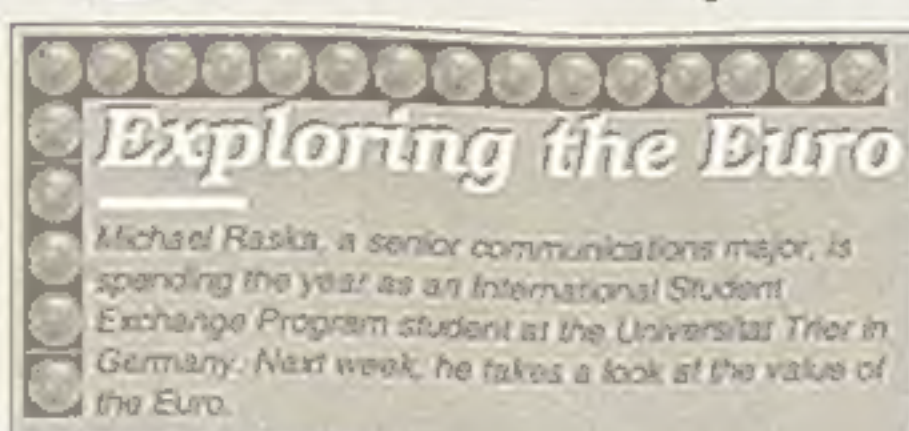
Q: The transition to the Euro will be gradual. So in the meantime, what can we expect in terms of conversion charges and dual pricing?

A: The Euro will remain simply bank money until January 2002. Only then will Euro notes and coins join national currencies in circulation. Today, many would like to see the period when Euros and national currencies will rub shoulders reduced from the planned six months. Even from next January, you'll be able to open

bank accounts and pay by cheque or credit card in Euros.

The circulation of more than one currency usually means conversion charges. But this time that won't be the case. Brussels has ordered that all transfers between Euro accounts and national money accounts be free of charge. However, that won't apply to transfers of money across national frontiers. While exchange fees will no longer be applicable between Euro Zone countries, banks will continue to charge for administration of cross-border transfers.

Another headache in the transition period will be the



question of dual pricing. Here, the key principle is "Neither prohibition nor obligation." Businesses will be free to decide whether to label products in Euros or not, and the risk of confusion worries many consumer groups.

The tourist sector is likely to be the first to recognize the benefit of pricing in Euros. For the rest, Brussels can only try to encourage businesses and consumers to negotiate arrangements for dual pricing ahead of 2002. Nevertheless, if there's too many obstacles in the process of familiarizing people with the Euro, measures could be adopted to force dual labeling.

Once embarked on the road to the Euro, there will be

little chance of turning back.

Q: All money conversion is a question of rounding off. So how can we avoid confusion when converting the Euro becomes part of our daily lives?

A: From next January, calculators may be indispensable. Coins and notes will still be in national currency, but prices will increasingly be shown in Euros. Buying and selling in Euros won't be an obligation, but it will be a right open to individuals and businesses alike.

It remains to be seen what system shops will use. For visibility's sake, prices will be displayed in two decimal points. Bar codes could well contain the exact price in their memory so only the final total of purchases will be rounded off. The only way to avoid these complications is to set round prices in Euros. This is likely to become ever more common and will certainly be the rule by 2002 when Euro notes and coins are issued. □

Ancient Ansbach takes pride in history, quiet lifestyle, fresh smells

Ansbach Adventures

By CALE RITTER
EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT

Whoever takes a walk through Ansbach on a summer evening enjoys the lively atmosphere.

No traffic noise, but the sound of many voices from the street cafes. No stench of gasoline exhaust — at the most, the smell of fried sausages and the taste of Italian ice cream. But in order to get a real flavor of what the city is about, I thought it was necessary to give a brief description of its history.

I found it difficult to imagine a city as old as Ansbach. Last spring, Ansbach

celebrated the 1,250th year of its founding. Here is how the story goes: Originally, Ansbach was known as Onolzbach. On May 1, 748, Pope Zachary wrote a letter to 13 men thanking them for the foundation or planned foundation of churches and monasteries. One of the addressees was Gundbertus, who later was called "Gumbertus." He founded a monastery at the junction of the Rezat and Onolzbach rivers. Unfortunately, the Pope's original letter does not exist anymore. However, the city of Ansbach takes pride in basing its 1,250th anniversary in 1998 on the date of this letter.

Ansbach first was recorded as a city

in 1221. It surrendered to Prussia in 1791. Under Napoleon, Ansbach became a part of Bavaria in 1806. Bavaria is one of the most beautiful regions in Germany. Bavaria as a region is similar to the states in America. There are 16 states in Germany.

St. Gumbertus, the former monastery church, includes the oldest structure of Ansbach at the east corner. It was constructed between 1038 and 1040.

Both St. Gumbertus and St. Johannis, the largest churches in the city, can be seen from nearly any point in the city. The Fachhochschule, where I will be studying come Oct. 1,

is just over a five-minute walk from both churches.

The Burgrave Friedrich VI constructed a water-surrounded castle in 1440, which is the origin of today's palace.

The rooms are quite impressive, with nearly everything, including the silk on many of the walls, being original.

Through the years, Ansbach has not escaped destruction. The train station and the area surrounding were destroyed by bomb raids in 1945. Much of the reformation was done in 1971-72.

Downtown, some of the streets are reserved specifically for pedestrian zones. Here are the numerous restaurants I mentioned earlier.

A third of Ansbach's population of 40,000 is living in the more than 20 suburbs situated around the city in a wide circle. They live next to their village churches, partly Romanesque, Gothic, or Baroque, with steeples visible from far off.

At least by size, Ansbach is the fifth largest city in Bavaria after Munich, Nuremberg, Augsburg, and Ingolstadt.

I truly did the city of Ansbach an injustice by writing an article of such brevity. It would be nearly impossible to go through all of the information in 1,250 years of history. However, this gives you a brief background of where I am living this semester. □

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FUTURE: More construction on way

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If the CBHE and legislature approve the requests, bidding for an architect would begin in July 1999. The preliminary site for the 75,000-square-foot project is the hill area north of Young Gymnasium and east of Hearnes Hall.

"We've (College administrators) talked for quite a while about needing additional space," Tiede said. "One of the driving factors was what we could do for our teacher education program. The teacher education program has been booming for the last two or three years."

"We haven't seen as big an increase in enrollment for the dental and nursing programs because those programs have limited enrollment. But, the demand for these people is there. I think when we get the new building, we will see an increase in enrollment."

The health sciences building would house the nursing, radiologic

technology, respiratory therapy, psychology, and kinesiology programs. The move of the psychology department from Taylor Hall would free up space in that building for the teacher education program.

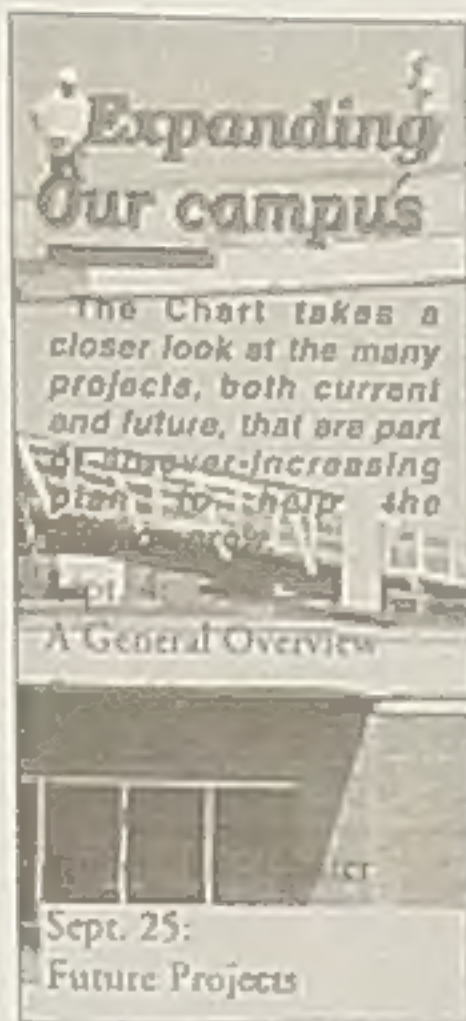
Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of technology,

said one building containing all the health programs will help the College meet the growing demands by the area's health industry.

"Placing all the health programs under one roof will increase the possibility of sharing facilities, labs, and even instructors," he said. "This is really a positive move for the entire College. This will provide more space for other programs across the campus."

In other construction news, Southern is planning to add a black box theatre to the north-east of Taylor Performing Arts Center.

Ground breaking is tentatively set for April 1. □



PRINCE OF THE JUNGLE



A lion cub and an adult lion were among the thousands of fans attending Missouri Southern's home opener Sept. 17 against Northwest Missouri.

STUDENTS: Pregnancies alter school plans

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"This is my last semester, and I really debated coming back," she said. "Most of my professors have been really understanding, and I lucked out this semester actually with having Tuesday-Thursday classes."

Bourassa and her husband, Damen, weren't planning for Avery Dianne, but think things will work out well.

"I was really kind of worried in the beginning, but now I can spend a good 12 months with her before I begin working," she said.

Though Bourassa thought she might get some strange looks on campus, she says for the most part everyone has acted normally.

"People don't know I've been married for three years or how old I am," she said. "Being in college helped a lot; there's a lot more of a mature attitude toward pregnancy."

Having the only boy of the bunch, junior mass communications major Dusty Eck and her husband, Jeremiah, are expecting Xavier Tiberious any day now.

"I'm excited because I'm gonna be a mother and I'm going to have a little baby," she said. "I can't wait to see his face."

With the baby coming at any time, Eck says she has been just a little on edge.

"I'm nervous because it's my first one and I don't know what to expect."

Though the mothers-to-be have pressing matters of school to deal with, they seem to be looking forward to having children.

"It really has been a wonderful experience," Vicsik said, "and it's not something I would have planned for right now, but I wouldn't trade it for the world." □

ASSESSMENT: Numbers show slight overall increase in enrollment

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Leon credited the work of Southern's recruiters and the relationships built with high school counselors in the surrounding area.

"We've intensified our recruitment efforts," the

College president said. "We're holding more meetings with counselors in our region to make them aware of the opportunities at our college."

We've also increased our visits to high schools and fairs, and that has been very productive." □

SPURLIN: Early goals include expanding distance learning

From Page 1

ical, educational, business, industry, and other areas of general interest.

Spurlin has received positive comments from faculty concerning the lifelong learning program. He said Dr. Jerry Williams, director of continuing education, has advocated expanding technology into this area. Spurlin said Southern's faculty is aware that different colleges already have degrees online, and he has received interest from instructors.

"I think we have a very talented faculty on this campus," he said.

Spurlin currently is on a fact-finding mission, seeking input from faculty and researching similar programs at other schools. He said students involved in this type of learning process assume more responsibility for their learning.

"It's not only going to present opportunities for the faculty, but I think it's going to present some opportunities for some students to get more out of the classroom than they ever have before," Spurlin said.

Leon believes lifelong learning is a

must for everyone, and views the new program as fulfilling the College's mission.

"Benefits to the College don't matter," he said. "What matters is the benefits to the student. As long as the students are gaining more and they are benefiting, then the College is also going to benefit from it."

Spurlin anticipates relinquishing his position as dean of technology in the future, but for now he appreciates the addition of Tia Strait, assistant professor of dental hygiene, to his administrative staff. □

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GRANT: \$6 million in software given to Southern School of Technology

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tution to receive the license to aid in training.

"Because of the quantity of their purchase, they had the option to grant a site license to any educational institution of their choice," Bartholet said.

Diana Blythe, director of training and development at O'Sullivan, said Southern was picked because of similar goals, proximity, and cost effectiveness.

"We discovered that Missouri Southern had embarked on ProE.

training," Blythe said. "From everything we heard, they were going in the same direction we are here."

Bartholet has worked with O'Sullivan and other local industries in the past.

"We try to partner with local industries," he said.

Blythe complimented Southern on working with area businesses.

"They are recognizing the direct skills, serving not only the businesses, but their students as well," she said.

O'Sullivan will not be the only industry to benefit from the training provided at Southern.

"What that allows us to do is train not only O'Sullivan employees, but employees from other area companies as well," Bartholet said.

Bartholet said H.E. Williams, Sunbeam, Miracle Playground Equipment, and Eagle Picher are other area industries using the software. Southern conducted seminars for O'Sullivan and H.E. Williams this summer.

"For businesses in the region that choose ProE, ongoing training is a serious concern," Blythe said.

Bartholet said ProE is well established in the area.

Modules are different facets of manufacturing such as sheet metal, welding, casting, and web publishing.

"This is actually a mainframe software brought down to PC," he said.

Blythe said Southern would be responsible for renewing the license after the first year. □

CALDWELL: Southern counseling director assuming new duties at UMSL

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Southern to accept a new position with the University of Missouri-St. Louis as director of advising and student advocacy.

"I love my job here," Caldwell said. "I wasn't even looking for another job. A colleague was on

the Internet and found the job opening. It's one of those opportunities I couldn't say no to."

She will be responsible for managing a Title III federal grant for the construction of a new student center and supervising the university's advising staff, which will be relocated in the new building.

"A Title III grant is a lot of money," Caldwell said. "Plus, they've got 12,000 students and professional advisers, so I'll be busy."

Karl Beeler, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, said Caldwell will be expected to improve the university's student appeal.

"We were looking for someone to help us with the transition to a more student-centered campus," Beeler said. "Frankly, we need to be more responsive to students in need of help in the early going."

Caldwell will assume her duties at UMSL on Oct. 15. She has worked at the College since 1994. □

MAJOR: International business

From Page 3

marketing major, hoped this major would become a reality when she first came to Southern.

"When I came to college I wanted this major," she said. "But they didn't have it, so when they offered it I took it."

Bokova said right now the major is getting more attention from foreign students than their American counterparts.

"Most of them are international students already," she said. "But there are still some Americans interested in it."

Even though Marion knows all business majors will not become international business majors, he hopes they will at least take an interest in what it has to offer.

"They won't all be international business majors, but we hope our other members will take one, two, or three courses," he said.

Gray does not believe everyone who expresses interest in this field will be an international business major or even a business major.

"I think we will see students from other majors who will take it and become interested in maybe a minor in international business," he said.

Bokova believes more of the incoming students will take an interest in the new major.

"The newcomers will probably get into this international major," she said.

"It's a good thing that the College is offering this." □

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Washburn, Emporia hand Lady Lions losses

Southern volleyball team to face nationally ranked Central Missouri State

By ANDRE L. SMITH
SPORTS EDITOR

Washburn University and Emporia State University saw to it that Missouri Southern's volleyball team would have a long ride home by handing them losses last weekend.

On Friday night, the Lions visited Topeka, Kan., to play the Lady Blues. Southern split the first four games with Washburn and played a close fifth game, but dropped the match 12-15, 15-5, 7-15, 16-14, and 16-14.

"It was very disappointing because we were in the game," Lady Lions' head coach Debbie Traywick said. "We played defense well at times, and Katie Moore had a good hitting game."

Saturday was no better for the Lady Lions as they traveled to Emporia to take on the Lady Hornets. Although the Lady

Lions were swept 15-9, 15-7, 15-4, the match was very deceiving, according to Traywick.

"We sided out very well but we couldn't score points," she said. "We had to work for the points we scored, and we played for almost two hours."

"There's no doubt that we could have beat them," said Meredith Hyde, junior outside hitter. "Our passing wasn't very good, and our communication broke down a couple times."

Southern is 1-3 on the season and 0-4 in the MIAA. Despite the youth on the team,

senior outside hitter Erin Fielding said the team is steadily improving.

"We're getting better with every single game," she said. "We haven't lost our confidence."

"All of the matches we have played so far we could have been in," Traywick added. "We're just making too many unforced errors and mental mistakes."

The Lady Lions will need that confidence Saturday when they face nationally ranked Central Missouri State University. The Jennies are ranked fifth nationally and return several players from last year's

nationally ranked team.

"It'll be a challenge for us," Traywick said. "This game will let our young players know where we need to be in the future. It will be good for them to see this level of play."

"We're excited about playing Central because they're a nationally ranked team and we're hoping we can play at their level," Hyde said. "We've run a lot of drills and we've set up our defense around their offense. We want to serve tough this weekend."

"We're going to give them a run for their money," O

NOT GOING ANYWHERE



Missouri Southern running back Antonio Whitney is apprehended by Northwest Missouri State defenders in last Thursday's game. Whitney broke an 80-yard touchdown run and finished the game with 114 yards rushing on eight carries. The touchdown run tied him with Pittsburg State's Stacy Butcher for the longest run of the season in the MIAA. Southern lost the Sept. 17 home opener 48-21. Southern looks for its first win of the season Saturday at Pittsburg State.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Southern performs well at Stampede

By ANDY SEARCY
STAFF WRITER

Some 3,000 competitors and spectators jammed the course as Missouri Southern played host to one of the biggest cross country meets in the nation Saturday — the Southern Stampede.

"Our kids ran well," said men's coach Tom Rutledge. "They are improving every week and I've been very, very pleased with their improvement."

As a team, the Lions finished sixth out of 14 teams. Their pack time was around 66 seconds, but Rutledge would like to see that fall to 60 seconds or below.

"Saturday's mark wasn't bad considering three of the seven in the pack were freshmen," Rutledge said. "So I was real pleased with our effort."

Junior Jake Wells was the top finisher for the Lions, finishing in 28th place. Finishing in 43rd place and second for the Lions was sophomore Brian Hill, and in 49th place was junior Jay Kocks.

Rutledge still would like to see his team improve by running as a pack and staying in focus. To do this, the Lions are training with 85- to 90-mile weeks on average.

"It's a long, hard season," Rutledge said. "We're training very hard. It's hard on them, going to class and going to practice and working after practice."

The Lady Lions' cross country team also performed well in the meet, said head coach Patty Vavra. Southern finished fourth overall and second among the NCAA Division II teams competing in the meet.

"This year's meet was a high quality meet, and at the same time a very competitive meet," Vavra said. "It was also a pretty evenly matched race, too."

The Lady Lions' top finisher was senior Sonia Eudy, who was second overall.

Eudy trailed only Erika Collin, an unattached runner, which means she doesn't belong to any school.

Finishing in ninth place for the Lady Lions was senior Amanda Harrison. Freshman Chaasty Hank crossed the line in 27th place.

"We're progressing each week, and right now that's our goal," Vavra said. "We need to get tighter in our pack and drop our time by about a minute."

The Lady Lions were beaten by Truman State University, a big conference foe for Southern.

Vavra is looking to catch Truman by conference.

She was pleased with the team's overall performance, even though they were a little inexperienced.

"We asked some fairly inexperienced college athletes to step up for us," Vavra said. "But, they are making progress every week."

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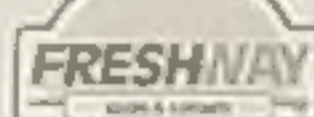
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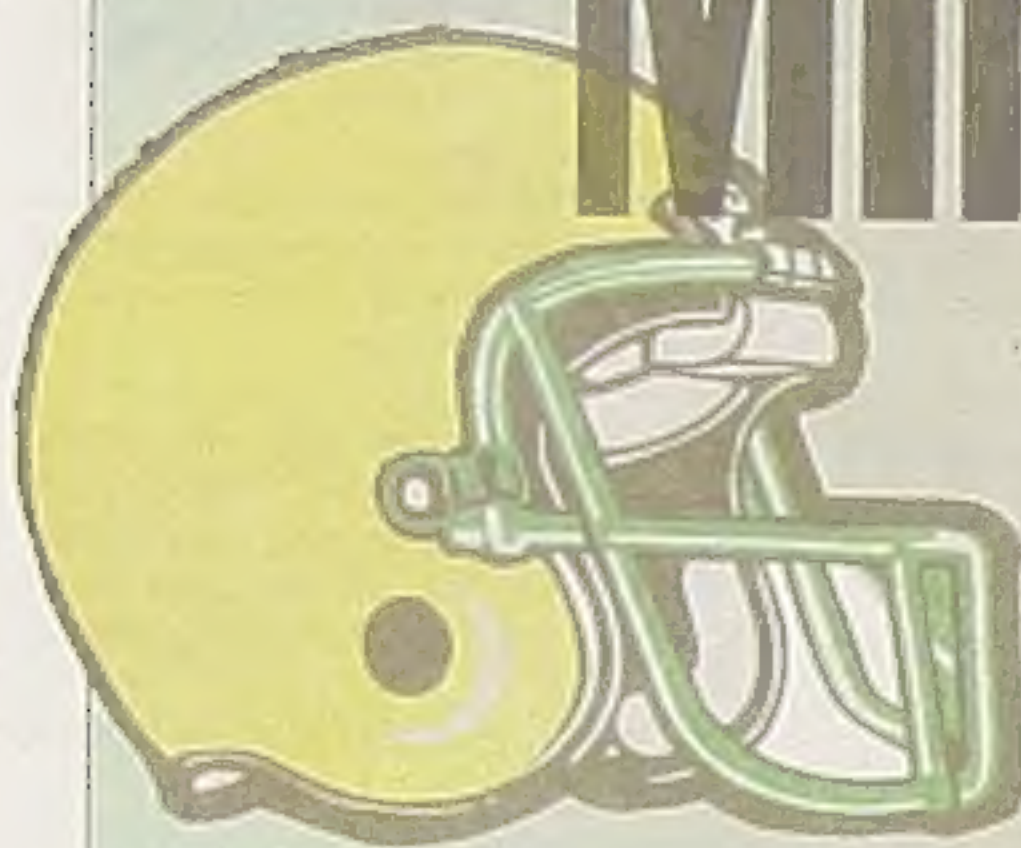
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Brad Cornelsen
Lions' quarterback

"It's very important for us to come out fired up and win this game..."

Zack Siegrist
Gorillas' quarterback

Zack Siegrist will lead his offense against a slinging Lions defense. Siegrist is currently ranked third in the MIAA in pass efficiency. Chuck Broyles, in his ninth year of coaching the Gorillas, has an 86-13-2 overall record. Broyles has witnessed only four losses in his tenure at Carnie Smith stadium.

Brian Moorman, a consensus preseason All-American will also try to pin Southern deep in their own end. This will allow Chad Webb and the Pittsburg State defense to go to work. The Gorillas are hungry to stop the Lions' offensive attack after last week's 38-28 loss to Emporia State.

Greg Gregory

Brad Cornelsen

Although Greg Gregory will be coaching his first Miner's bowl, he is no stranger to rivalries. Gregory has served as a coach in perhaps the biggest rivalry—Army-Navy. Brad Cornelsen will make his final Miner's bowl appearance. The senior quarterback will be starting in his fourth Miner's Bowl.

Kqorea Willis

Caleb Lewis

Kqorea Willis will lead a fast, physical defense against the high-powered Pittsburg State offense. Willis and his crew look to stop the Pitt State running attack. Field position will play an important role in Southern's success and Caleb Lewis' punting should pin the Gorillas deep in their own territory.

Brian Moorman

Chad Webb

Gregory familiar with rivalries, teams seek first conference win

By ANDRE L. SMITH
SPORTS EDITOR

It is no secret that there is no love lost between Missouri Southern and Pittsburg State. Saturday, the cross-border rivals will once again take the field for what is usually a war.

Lions' head football coach Greg Gregory has increased the intensity in practice this week and says his team is ready for the 7 p.m. showdown at Carnie Smith Stadium.

"We took care of a lot of problems that we've had in the past weeks, and our offense is looking very sharp," Gregory said after Wednesday's full-pad practice.

"Brandon Hays is not going to play and I don't think Jason Young is going to play, but Josh Brooks played well last week and earned a starting position."

Gregory will be coaching his first Miner's Bowl Saturday. In coaching at Army for 11 years, he has been a big part of the longest football rivalry.

"No rivalry can compare with Army-Navy, because it encompasses so many people worldwide," Gregory said. "I would have to say that this is one of the top three or four rivalries in small college football."

While Gregory is coaching his first Miner's Bowl, several Lions will be playing in their last. Quarterback Brad

Cornelsen and linebacker Marque Owens started in their first Miners' Bowls as freshmen. Cornelsen has had no trouble racking up yards against the Gorillas. In last year's 42-14 loss at Fred G. Hughes Stadium, he rushed for 121 yards on 21 carries and passed for an additional 140 yards. In his career, he has thrown for 413 yards against the Gorillas.

Cornelsen said the Lions have looked good in practice this week.

"We've been working on our timing, and I think that we're going to go out more prepared than we have been in the past few weeks," he said.

After PSU's 38-28 loss at Emporia

State last week, quarterback Zach Siegrist said his team wants to regain momentum and finish the season strong.

"It's not usual that we come off of a loss," he said. "It's very important for us to come out fired up and win this game because two losses can knock you out of the playoffs."

Last week, both teams fell to conference foes. Northwest Missouri State's Chris Greisen passed the lights out with 327 yards and four touchdowns to lead his team past the Lions 48-21. Emporia State's Brian Shay rushed for 221 yards in the Hornets' first win over PSU since 1985.

Gorillas' head coach Chuck Broyles stressed execution in practice this week and said there is one state the Lions must be a little worried about.

"Since I've been here, our longest losing streak was in 1993," Broyles said. "We lost in the national championship game the previous season and then to North Dakota State and Southern the next season. Other than that year we haven't really lost two games in a row."

The Miner's Bowl started in 1986, but the two teams will be meeting for the 31st time. The Gorillas own a 20-9-1 record in the series. Southern's lone Miner's Bowl victory came in 1993 when the Lions won 20-3. □

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By ERIC GRUBER
STAFF WRITER

Once again, Missouri Southern and Pittsburg State University are ready to put on the hardhats and pick at each other in the Miner's Bowl.

But for the first time, the Miner's Bowl is corporately sponsored by United States Cellular.

"The United States Cellular concept came from a conversation two years ago by the then-Pittsburg State marketing guy, David Herbster, and myself in Las Vegas," said Ron Fauss, marketing and

broadcasting director for Southern athletics.

At the time, United States Cellular was the only client that was highly involved as well as being shared between the two schools. Even though U.S. Cellular was involved with both, it wasn't being utilized in a "joint manner."

"It's really turned into something that's incredibly beneficial to both Missouri Southern and Pittsburg State in a financial way," Fauss said. "And, I think it adds a little more spice to it."

Tommy Riggs, director of athletic marketing at PSU, said the venture

offers "nothing but benefit" to the Miner's Bowl.

"We're very happy with our partnership with U.S. Cellular," he said. "At Pittsburg State, we're happy to have a quality partner such as U.S. Cellular."

He said the sponsorship helps financially because it increases the "investment in Pittsburg State, which helps us in our day-to-day operation."

This is the only NCAA bowl game with a corporate sponsor. The sponsorship does more than help the schools financially.

Richard McVay, market manager

for U.S. Cellular, said the main goal of the sponsor is "helping create awareness in the community and spirit." He also said it wants to create an atmosphere of fun and increased participation at the game.

This year, Jock's Nitch stores in both cities will have limited edition T-shirts and sweaters for the Miner's Bowl. Also, the first 1,000 people to enter the game receive a commemorative pin, a unique collector's item.

"Our company likes to be included in the communities that we serve," McVay said. "I think it's going to go over well." □